

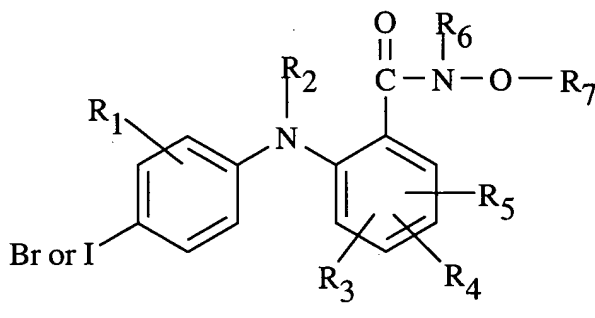
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-7 (canceled).

8 (currently amended). ~~The method of claim 1~~ A method for treating chronic pain, said method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a composition comprising a MEK inhibitor selected from a compound defined by Formula I



wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, halo, trifluoromethyl, or CN;

R₂ is hydrogen;

R₃, R₄, and R₅ independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, trifluoromethyl,

C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, nitro, CN, or (O or NH)_m-(CH₂)_n-R₉, where

R₉ is hydrogen, hydroxy, CO₂H or NR₁₀R₁₁;

n is 0 to 4;

m is 0 or 1;

R₁₀ and R₁₁ independently are hydrogen or C₁-C₈ alkyl, or taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached can complete a 3- to 10-member cyclic ring optionally containing one, two, or three additional heteroatoms selected from O, S, NH, or N-C₁-C₈ alkyl;

R₆ is hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C-C₁-C₈ alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl;

R₇ is hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₂-C₈ alkenyl, C₂-C₈ alkynyl, C₃-C₁₀ (cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NR₉):

and wherein any of the foregoing alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl groups can be unsubstituted or substituted by cycloalkyl (or cycloalkyl optionally containing a heteroatom selected from O, S, or NR₉), aryl, aryloxy, heteroaryl, or heteroaryloxy; or R₆ and R₇ taken together with the N-O to which they are attached can complete a 5- to 10-membered cyclic ring, optionally containing one, two, or three additional heteroatoms selected from O, S, or NR₁₀R₁₁, wherein said chronic pain is associated with arthritis.

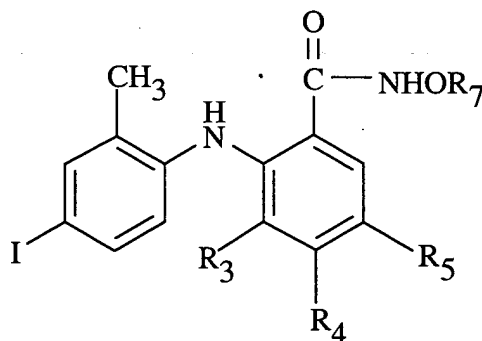
9 (canceled).

10 (currently amended). The method of ~~claim 4~~ claim 8, wherein R₁ is C₁-C₈ alkyl or halo.

11 (original). The method according to claim 10 wherein R₆ is hydrogen.

12 (original). The method according to claim 11 wherein R₁ is methyl.

13 (original). The method according to claim 12 wherein the MEK inhibitor has the formula



14 (original). The method of claim 13 wherein R₄ is fluoro, and R₃ and R₅ are hydrogen.

15 (previously presented). The method of claim 14, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(methoxy)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-phenoxyethoxy)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-thienylmethoxy)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(prop-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopentoxo)-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-isopropyl-benzamide; and
4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-methyl-benzamide.

16 (original). The method of claim 13 wherein R₃ and R₄ are fluoro, and R₅ is hydrogen.

17 (previously presented). The method of claim 16, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-furylmethoxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-ethoxy-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(but-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(1-methylprop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-methyl-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(propoxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclobutyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-thienylmethoxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-methyl-prop-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-phenoxyethoxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(but-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(but-3-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopentyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-(2-fluorophenyl)-prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclobutylmethoxy-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide; and
3,4-Difluoro-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-benzamide.

18 (original). The method of claim 13 wherein R₃ and R₄ are fluoro, and R₅ is bromo.

19 (previously presented). The method according to claim 18, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(n-propoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-(furan-3-ylmethoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-(but-2-enyloxy)-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide

5-Bromo-N-butoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-methyl-but-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-methyl-pent-2-en-4-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-benzyl)-N-[5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-methyl-pent-2-en-4-ynyloxy]-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-[3-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-prop-2-ynyloxy]-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(thiopen-2-ylmethoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(pyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-(2-fluorophenyl)-prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(ethoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(isopropoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-but-3-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-(2-diethylamino-ethoxy)-3,4-difluoro-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-isobutoxy-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-cyclohexylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-cyclopentylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-cyclobutylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-(2-dimethylamino-ethoxy)-3,4-difluoro-benzamide monohydrochloride salt;

5-Bromo-N-(2-dimethylamino-propoxy)-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide; and

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide.

20 (original). The method of claim 13 wherein R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen, and R_5 is halo.

21 (previously presented). The method according to claim 20, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

5-Chloro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Chloro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;

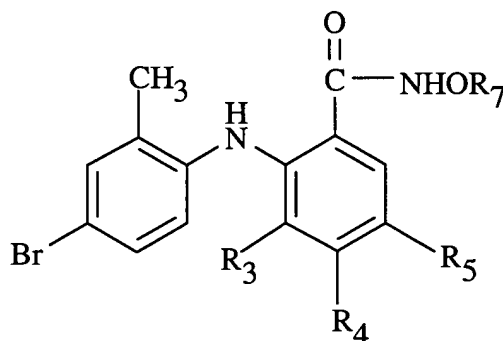
5-Chloro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-methoxy-benzamide;

4-Bromo-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-phenylmethoxy-benzamide;

4-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-phenylmethoxy-benzamide;

5-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 5-Iodo-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-phenylmethoxy-benzamide;
 and
 5-Fluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(tetrahydropyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide.

22 (currently amended). The method of claim 12 ~~having~~ wherein the compound is
of the formula I(A):



I(A)

23 (original). The method of claim 22 wherein R_3 and R_4 are fluoro, and R_5 is hydrogen.

24 (previously presented). The method according to claim 23, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
 3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-furylmethoxy)-benzamide;
 3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-thienylmethoxy)-benzamide;
 3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(but-3-ynyloxy)-benzamide;
 3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-methyl-prop-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(but-2-enyloxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(methoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(ethoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclobutoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(isopropoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(2-phenoxyethoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(n-propoxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(1-methyl-prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(3-(3-fluorophenyl)-prop-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-ynyloxy)-benzamide; and

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-bromo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(cyclopentoxy)-benzamide.

25 (currently amended). The method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 8, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

3,4,5-Trifluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Chloro-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

N-Hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide;

3,4,5-Trifluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

5-Chloro-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

2-(2-Fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide;
2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-5-nitro-benzamide;
2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide;
5-Chloro-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
5-Bromo-2-(2-bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-methyl-benzamide;
2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-5-chloro-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide;
4-Fluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
3,4-Difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;
N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
5-Chloro-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
5-Bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-benzamide;
N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide;
N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-benzamide;
5-Chloro-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-benzamide;
5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;
N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-4-nitro-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide;

5-Chloro-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-ethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-ethoxy-4-nitro-benzamide;

2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-5-chloro-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide

2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-nitro-benzamide;

N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-benzamide;

N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Bromo-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-trifluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-5-nitro-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-hydroxy-4-nitro-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide (HCl salt);

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-4-fluoro-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclobutylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-(2-dimethylamino-ethoxy)-3,4-difluoro-benzamide monohydrochloride salt;

5-Bromo-N-(2-dimethylamino-propoxy)-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide; and

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide.

26 to 51 (canceled).

52 (currently amended). The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 8, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;
N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-~~trifluoro~~ trifluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-~~trifluoro~~ trifluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide, potassium salt;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclobutylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-fluoro-benzamide;

5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-N-methoxy-benzamide;

3,4-Difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-benzamide;

N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-cyclobutylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;

5-Bromo-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 5-Chloro-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 5-Chloro-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;
 4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 4-Fluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt;
 5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-hydroxy-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benzamide;
 3,4-Difluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 5-Bromo-2-(2-chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-benzamide;
 2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-N-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-benzamide;
 2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4,5-trifluoro-N-[2-(2-methoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy]-benzamide;
 2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-benzamide;
 5-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-N-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 3,4,5-Trifluoro-N-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 3,4,5-Trifluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benzamide;
 and
 3,4-Difluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide.

53 (currently amended). The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 8, wherein said MEK inhibitor is selected from:

2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide;
 N-Cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4,5-~~trifluoro~~ trifluoro-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide;
 2-(2-Chloro-4-iodo-phenylamino)-3,4-difluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-benzamide;
 and

3,4-Difluoro-N-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)-2-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenylamino)-benzamide.

54 and 55 (canceled).